

(2) Office of Evaluation

(a) **MISSION.** The Office of Evaluation (OoE) supports the Office of the Administrator by providing an independent perspective for major Agency decisions. It performs independent analysis and assessment associated with NASA Programs and Projects to ensure fully informed decisions and improve programmatic performance.

(b) **OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Director, Office of Evaluation shall:

(1) Develop, improve, and implement cost and schedule analysis policy, including budget requirements at Key Decision Points (KDPs).

(2) Own the Standing Review Board (SRB) process; perform independent assessments as part of the SRB during Life Cycle Reviews to ensure Agency decision makers are fully informed of the program/project technical, cost-risk, and schedule-risk posture at KDPs. Perform independent assessments outside of the SRB process as required to inform Agency leadership.

(3) Lead the Agency to strengthen and support the cost analysis community, provide leadership for schedule analysis, support other key programmatic functions, and provide tools, data, and consulting services to enable programmatic analysis across the Agency

(4) Oversee the Independent Program Assessment Office. The Independent Program Assessment Office (IPAO) provides an Agency-level function to conduct independent reviews of assigned programs and projects during their life cycle. The independent review activity provides assessments that inform Agency leadership decisions at KDPs to ensure mission success.

(5) Oversee the Cost Analysis Division. The Cost Analysis Division (CAD) is the owner of NASA cost policies and steward of key programmatic capabilities for the Agency. CAD advances the state of the art in estimating capabilities, methods, and tools and proactively addresses NASA's cost-related challenges as a trusted advisor to Agency leadership.

(c) **SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS.** The Director, Office of Evaluation is a member of the Program Management Council and the Senior Management Council, as well as Convening Authority (for SRBs) for Agency Programs, and Category 1 and 2 Projects.